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Holiday Deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, deadline for the next two issues will be 12:00 Noon Wednesday on Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. Please note: next week's papers will be published on Wednesday, Dec. 28 instead of Tuesday, Dec. 27. Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas!



Wrapping it up for Santa ...Page 7



Vicki Brooker photo

Long road to Bethlehem

Elk Point Baptist Church Sunday School shepherds and angels couldn't stifle a yawn or two after their long journey to Bethlehem as they followed the bright star in the east to the humble stable where Mary and Joseph kept watch over the newborn Saviour. More from the concert on Page 10.

Light judging tonight, but green in 2012

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce will be judging Christmas light and decoration displays in the community tonight, but this might be the last year for the current format of the longstanding tradition.

With the chamber's focus on green energy and carbon footprint reduction, suggestions have been made that next year, the chamber could encourage residents to create energy-saving displays, rather than using the brightly lighted displays of recent years. Residents could be notified about the new format through an insert in utility bills in early fall, to allow the needed planning and preparation time.

This year, the chamber is offering \$100, \$200 and \$300 for the best displays.

Green forecast for 2012

Paul Pelletier of Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region told the chamber that he had "told the people from Rural Diversification Development what we were doing. They loved the idea." Lakeland College, he added, "is really into the game."

The growing interest has led Pelletier to the conclusion that "we need to think bigger than a workshop. It needs to be a conference, possibly a day and a half or two days, plus tours showing solar, geothermal and wind energy installations."

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Vicki Brooker photo

Yes, Virginia...

Gary Townsend and Mickayla Chamberland assured the youngsters attending the Elk Point Community Choir Christmas Concert that there is, indeed, a jolly old elf in a red suit coming to town on Christmas Eve. Story, Page 2.

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Community Choir delights with gift of song

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Songs old and new were on the program as Elk Point Community Choir delighted their hometown audience

with their annual Christmas gift of music at Friday night's concert at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Don Conrad welcomed

the audience, and said the choir has already shared the joy of music with other communities in the region, and he hoped their music would help awaken the Christmas spirit in everyone. He noted that there are several new members in the choir, joining others who have been part of the group for all 21 years.

The choir opened the evening with a rousing a cappella version of "Let Me Sing," before they slowed the tempo to the gentle harmonies of "Through Winter's Window," with Deanna Easthope at the

piano.

Dixie Coleman's powerful solo highlighted the choir's rendition of "Mary Did You Know?"

Mabel Gottenbos provided the solo and Sheila Hatch the piano accompaniment for "Sing Noel! Noel!" with Dixie Coleman wielding the shakers and Kelsey Taylor playing the drums.

"The Snow Carol - Still, Still, Still" was followed by "Listen, Children, Hear the Angels Sing," featuring soloist Barb Buryn and rhythm accompaniment by Coleman and Taylor

The ladies of the choir

provided a lighthearted look at the "Twelve Days After Christmas" as the over-gifted recipient told her true love his gifts were for the birds.

After the traditional carol sing-along with Barb Buryn at the piano, the men of the choir took their turn at the front of the stage for "African Alleluia," with the ladies adding background rhythm.

A medley of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Lo, How the Rose Ere Blooming" brought the entire choir back onstage.

The lilting sounds of

"Welcome, Welcome Winter" paved the way for Mickayla Chamberland and Gary Townsend as they led the choir in "Yes, Virginia," assuring the youngsters in the crowd that Santa would indeed be coming to town.

Solos by Robyn Sieben and Lucas Gunch, piano accompaniment by Hatch and rhythm by Coleman and Taylor were part of the "Calypso Lullaby."

Director Udo Mueller took the opportunity before the final number to comment on the year just past, when predictions that the world would end were just a rumour, and when the choir was "renewed and enlightened by new members. We appreciate the power music has in our lives, and we trust we have stirred up long lost memories for all of you." He thanked pianists Deanna Easthope, Sheila Hatch and Linda Peters, the soloists and rhythm accompanists, Blaine Easthope for his ongoing efforts in setting up the choir's risers and equipment, Shirley Osinchuk for her wardrobe expertise and all the others who put in many hours on the choir's behalf.

The concert ended with a traditional American melody, "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)," followed by refreshments and fellowship.

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Prairie EMS awarded Elk Point ambulance contract

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Alberta Health Services' lengthy request process for ambulance service proposals was finalized Nov. 30, and Prairie Emergency Medical Systems Inc. has been awarded the contract for Block 2, Yellowhead East, which includes the territory Prairie EMS is currently serving under the previous contract, plus Elk Point.

Scott Holsworth, director of AHS Emergency Medical Services for the Central Zone, and Robert Hargreaves and Stuart Barthelette of Prairie EMS met with Elk Point town council last week to announce that AHS has indicated that negotiations will be finalized Jan 30 and the new provider will probably take over March 1.

Hargreaves said he had met with town manager Myron Goyan a week earlier regarding potential sites for an ambulance base with living accommodations, and the developer who built similar bases at his other sites is willing to build one here. He is currently looking for a suitable temporary location to use while the base is built, since construction cannot start until the contract is finalized.

"We're potentially looking for two heated bays large enough to accommodate our modular units."

Hargreaves has "a keen interest" in adding an Elk Point location, because "I started in EMS here 28 years ago," beginning his career with Don Schueler of Lakeland Ambulance. "I've been the owner since 1991. Stu (Barthelette) has been my CAO for 21 years." Prairie EMS headquarters is in Fort Saskatchewan, with offices in Lamont, Two Hills, Vermilion, Saddle Lake and Andrew, he noted. "This will be our seventh community." The company runs a mixture of Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) units and has 12 units operating on a daily basis.

Hargreaves plans to have "one ALS ambulance staffed and ready to go, and a second on standby" when the Elk Point operation gets underway.

Holsworth said Prairie EMS has been with Alberta Health since 2009 and "We encourage that continuity of care." While there is "still some work to be done," with negotiations yet to get underway, "we support his efforts to get a base station, and we're looking to the town and county to work with him to get that in place."

Barthelette said that in the future, the company would be willing to work with the volunteer fire department to provide training and equipment "so the emergency responders

have enough training to help."

Hargreaves noted that in some communities, "the fire department is the first response. It takes training and time" to give the volunteers the necessary skills to fulfill that role.

Assessment Review Board

Council agreed that there is no need for further training in the Assessment Review Board process, as Dick Millar and Coun. Eugene Buck have both taken the course, and Wendy Smereka has taken the clerk training.

Golf Club contract

Council agreed to sign an updated agreement with the Elk Point Golf and Country Club for recreation park and campground operation, with a 10 per cent increase to \$220 per day.

Enbridge

Enbridge is looking for support of their pipeline project to transport Alberta oil to the BC coast, but town council agreed that the town should steer clear of what one councillor called "a political hot potato." Another noted that support for the project should be up to individuals, as council has no idea how the ratepayers feel on this issue.

Emergency planning

The province is "pushing for regionalization of emergency planning," Goyan told council, after attending a preliminary meeting on that topic. While that could be some time in coming, council agreed that Elk Point's own emergency plan has to be updated.

"A lot has to be changed," Mayor Parrish Tung noted, since both infrastructure and personnel have changed since the last update.

Sander

The public works department is awaiting the arrival of a new stainless steel sander unit, with council approving the \$6,000 expenditure. The "piled-up" chain in the old sander has been fixed and it could be used if it is needed before its replacement arrives.

Sewage lagoon

It has been determined that an additional \$5 million would be required to take the sewage lagoon to a size that would serve 3,500 residents. The planned upgrade will serve 2,500, which council agreed is adequate for the foreseeable future, with one councillor noting, "Twenty years from now, we may need a totally different system."

Seminar

Coun. Ron Fraess was delegated to attend an upcoming Alberta Care seminar in Banff.



Servus Credit Union customers have been invited to keep the feel-good ripple going by donating hats, gloves and scarves to those less fortunate. Deanna Letestu and Sheri Phillips presented the items to Susan Frisby for the Santas Anonymous program. Servus will continue to collect warm winter wear for less fortunate local families until early in the New Year.



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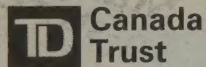
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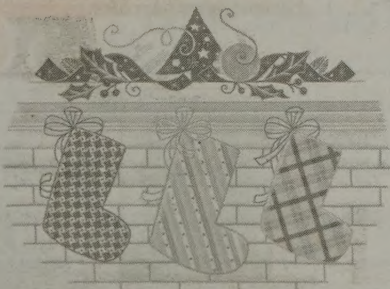
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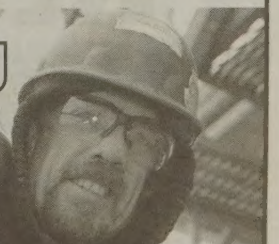
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EDITORIAL

The gift of free choice

Canadian farmers must have been really, really good this year, because Santa, masquerading as the Canadian Parliament, has given them the gift of free choice in marketing their wheat, Durum and barley.

This is a gift that some of those farmers have been putting on their Christmas lists for decades. It's hard to remember a time before there was grumbling in the coffee shops and agricultural dealership parts lineups about the Canadian Wheat Board.

No, not every farmer wanted to see it gone, any more than every child wants a Nerf Vortex Nitron Blaster, which according to one internet list, is the most wanted boys' toy. Some would probably rather have new video games or an Air Hogs Hyperactive remote control vehicle - it's all a matter of choice, and no one solution will ever make everyone happy.

Choice is the operative word here, and after 68 years of domination by the Wheat Board, farmers do indeed have a choice, and can now determine their own destiny.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Last picture show, 60 volunteers, 27 new wells

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 20 IN...

1986

"That's all folks," was an understatement as Elk Point youngsters saw their last picture show at the Arrow Theatre and Steve Andrishak turned off the projector after 42 years. Ten members of the Elk Point Regional Recreation and Cultural Board wound up operations of that body, which would officially cease operations on Dec. 31.

1991

Phil and Vicky Sheplawy accepted the 1991 Small Business of the Year award from chamber of commerce vice president Victor Stepa. An overload of mittens, Rudolph with the hiccups, Samta reusing, recycling and trying to reduce, and a booby-trapped rooftop were all part of the program at Elk Point Elementary School's well-attended twin concerts.

1996

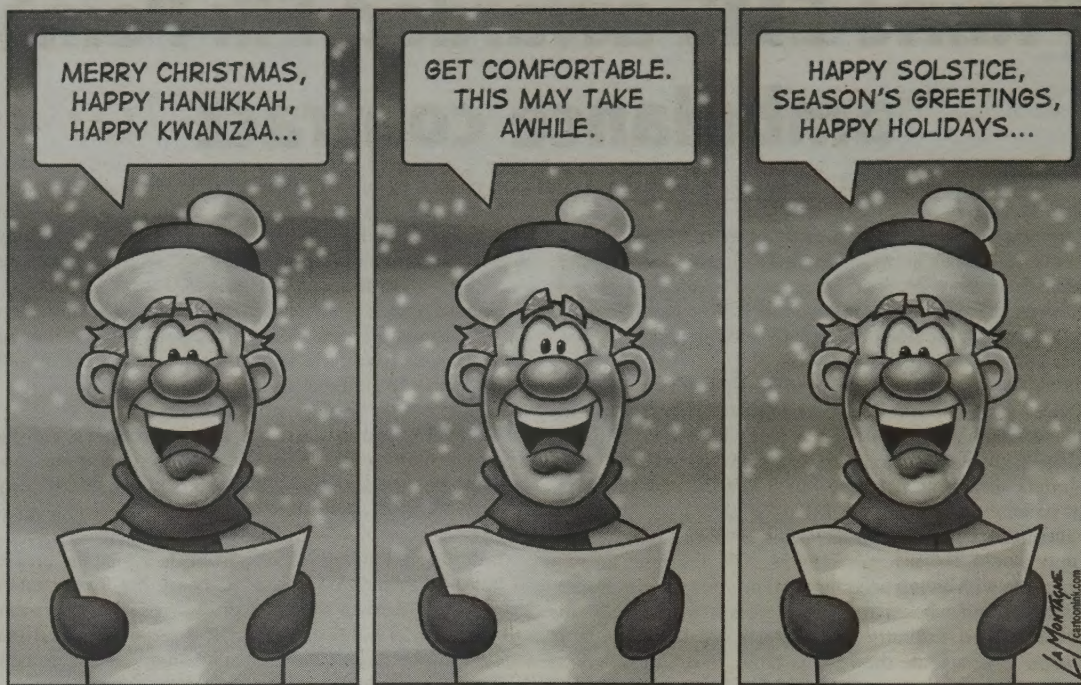
Town council passed an off-highway vehicle bylaw requiring operators to wear helmets, travel 25 km/hr or less and leave town by the shortest route available, with unduly disturbing other persons and operation of a OHV between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. prohibited. Sixty volunteers who contributed over 600 hours of service to the Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House were honoured with a short program and refreshments at the site.

2001

Petrovera introduced plans to drill as many as 27 new wells in the Ross Lake area, with the "most likely scenario" to be 14 wells. Member municipalities faced a five per cent increase in their Northern Lights Library System levy, but Mayor Lyle Frisby, who represented the town on the NLLS board expressed confidence that the budget would be balanced the following year.

2006

MLA Ray Danyluk was named Minister of Municipal Affairs shortly after Ed Stelmach was sworn in as Alberta's new premier. Figures, not sugarplums, danced in the heads of Mayor Parrish Tung and his council debated the town's 2007 operating budget.



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Angels announce

Angels We Have Heard on High has become the Christmas carol that commemorates the story of the birth of Jesus Christ found in the Gospel of Luke, in which shepherds outside Bethlehem encounter a multitude of angels singing and praising the newborn child. The words of the song are based on a traditional French carol known as Les Anges dans nos campagnes (literally, "Angels in our countryside") composed by an unknown author in Languedoc, France. That song has received many adjustments or alignments including its most common English version that was translated in 1862 by James Chadwick, The Roman Catholic bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, north east England.

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Les anges dans nos campagnes
Ont entonné l'hymne des cieux,
Et l'écho de nos montagnes
Redit ce chant mélodieux

Chorus: Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.
Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
What the gladsome tidings be
Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Bergers, puour qui-cette fê?
Quel est l'objet de tous ces chants?
Quel vainqueur, quelle conquête
Mérite ces cris triomphants

Chorus: Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.
Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.
Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;



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Come, a-dore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

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Glor-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

"Angels We Have Heard on High," a traditional French Christmas carol, tells the story of the angels' appearance to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem. The carol can be read as a question-and-answer encounter between the excited shepherds and a stranger who does not know about the miraculous event that has just taken place. In verse one, the shepherds exclaim over the angelic chorus they have just heard. Naturally, in verse two, the stranger wants to know more: Why are you so joyful? What are the tidings that inspire this celebration? In verse three, the shepherds answer: "Come to Bethlehem and see ... Christ the Lord, the newborn King." In the chorus, we sing the Latin translation of the words of the angel chorus: "Gloria in excelsis Deo" (ex CHEL sis DAY o) means "Glory to God in the highest." Other Christian hymnals sometimes include a fourth verse that continues the narrative and takes the scene to the stable itself. I also found a fifth verse, but it is only in French.

See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Cherchons tous l'heureux village
Qui l'a vu naître sous ses toits
Offrons-lui le tender hommage
Et de nos coeurs et de nos voix

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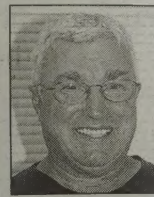
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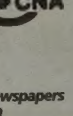
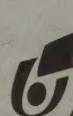
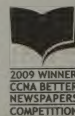
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Group proposes clean-up of Whitney Lake ball diamonds

BY JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The long-neglected ball diamonds at Whitney Lakes may receive a face-lift following a request from Frog Lake Minor Sports to use the diamonds for youth and adult ball practice, games and tournaments.

Frog Lake Minor Sports offered two options to the County of St. Paul. First, the County could fix the ball diamonds and Minor Sports pay rent to use the facility. Or, Minor Sports could fix the diamonds in exchange for rent.

One obstacle CAO Sheila Kitz noted with the first option was the fact that she didn't believe the County had the "expertise" to fix up the diamonds by itself.

Coun. Maxine Fodness said she would like to see an agreement drawn up with Frog Lake Minor Sports.

Council wavered between the two options presented but approved a motion made by Fodness directing public works to do the initial cleanup of the site and for administration to draw up an agreement with Frog Lake Minor Sports.

"They have not been used for 10 to 12 years,"

said Coun. Glen Ockerman, of the diamonds. Although he supported the idea of fixing the diamonds in some capacity, he also voiced concern about the area becoming a "party site" and recommended it be locked when it's not in use.

Proper insurance was Ockerman's other concern. Assistant CAO Tim Mahdiuk agreed the group using the property would have to have adequate insurance since the County owns the property. Also, camping would not be allowed at the diamonds.

Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac explained Ockerman had previously asked the public works department to do some clean up of the area, which was not done. On Wednesday, just a day after

council's meeting, county employees were at the site burning debris on the property.

Fixing up the diamonds will be "a benefit to the whole community," said Coun. Cliff Martin.

Interim budget passed

Council passed its 2012 interim budget last week. The budget is based on 2011 numbers and includes operating and capital revenues of \$28.1 million, operating expenditures of \$17 million and capital expenditures of \$11.1 million.

Fees

The County of St. Paul has reviewed its permit fee schedule. Some changes, additions and eliminations were made to the schedule, said Sloan.

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Green forecast for chamber in 2012

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Paul Pelletier of Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region told the chamber that he had "told the people from Rural Diversification Development what we were doing. They loved the idea." Lakeland College, he added, "is really into the game."

The growing interest has led Pelletier to the conclusion that "we need to think bigger than a workshop. It needs to be a conference, possibly a day and a half or two days, plus tours showing solar, geothermal and wind energy installations." He said the point of the conference would be to explain what alternative energy is and how it can be utilized.

Pelletier is currently "in the process of putting the pieces together." He is hoping for

a partnership between Lakeland College, Portage College and the chamber, and planned to meet with Lakeland College last week for further discussions.

Chamber president Sandy Smith, chairing her final meeting before turning over the chair to Debra McQuinn, said she was "impressed" with the plans and is looking forward to hearing how they progress.

Bob Bezpalko of Northeast Alberta HUB said the proposed conference "takes the project regional." He noted that Kehewin and Two Hills are looking at green energy, and Andrew and Paradise Valley are looking at wind generation. "It has gone to the next level. There is an enormous possibility for building businesses in our area around this."



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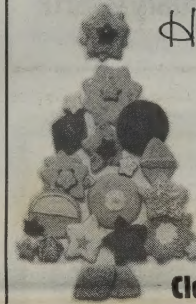


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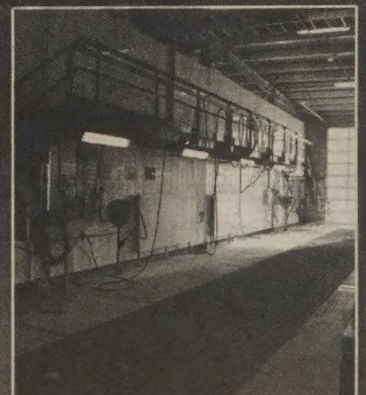
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Employee bursary awarded

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Northern Lights Library System Public Services Assistant and Interlibrary Loan worker Colette Oster received an early Christmas present last week, in the form of an employee bursary presented by Northern Lights Board chairman Larry Tiedemann.

The bursary will smooth the way for Oster to continue her studies in the Masters program at California State University San Jose School of Library and Information Science.

The course would take two and a half years for a full time student, but with a full-time job, Oster estimates it will take her four years to complete the distance learning program.

Currently serving as a peer mentor in the program, Oster says the course is "not as difficult because of my years of working here. Northern Lights has given

me the opportunity to work in every aspect of librarian work." Those students without library experience are "surprised by the amount of technical stuff" involved in library work, she noted.

"It helps to be in the field and be familiar with the technology."

It is also helpful that Northern Lights lets their employees work-share, thus giving everyone an opportunity

to gain experience in different aspects of the operation, Oster said.

This is the second employee bursary Oster has received to help her further her educational goals.



Northern Lights Library System Board chairman Larry Tiedemann presents Colette Oster with an employee bursary which will go toward her studies in her Masters program. Northern Lights director Mircea Panciuk adds his congratulations.

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From all of us at LICA
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It's a wrap!

Friday was the wrap-up, in a very big way, for the Elk Point Community Lions' Santas Anonymous program, as shift after shift of willing volunteers wrapped gifts and divided up food donations for Elk Point and area families who needed a little extra help this Christmas season. Lions Susan Frisby (left), Debra McQuinn (right) and some of their teen helpers were edging toward completion by 9 p.m. Friday.



Realtors help with hampers

Local realtors gave back to their community with a \$600 donation toward the Elk Point Community Lions Christmas hampers. Don Conrad of Elk Point Realty and Shirley Harms of Coldwell Banker Team Realty presented the cheque from the Northeast Alberta Realtors Association to Lions Sandi Bishop and Susan Frisby while Elk Point Realty's Ron and Sharon Smith and Larry Demchuk looked on.

Community Lions help Santa

Vicki Brooker photos

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

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Community Choir in concert

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Warm Wishes At Christmas

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Ten small kings from Mrs. Peters' Sunday School class sing "We Three Kings" at the concert.



Pre-Christmas shoppers are much too busy to answer questions about why they celebrate.

Sunday School knows reason for the season

By VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

It took some searching, but the intrepid young people of Elk Point Baptist Sunday School finally searched out the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Following an opening prayer by Lois Doering, the congregation was entertained by "We Three Kings" sung by Mrs. Peters' class, piano numbers by Kennedy Quist and the Peters brothers, a poem, "Born a King" by Mrs. Kozicky's class, a Bible verse and song by Mrs. Shepherd's class and a song by Kirsten and Hannah Goulet.

Then it was time for the feature presentation, a play that showed how everyone is "Too Busy" to talk about what Christmas is all about. Harried shoppers with long lists and cookies to bake for the church have no time to talk. The older kids, who know everything, are too busy caroling to share their thoughts on the season.

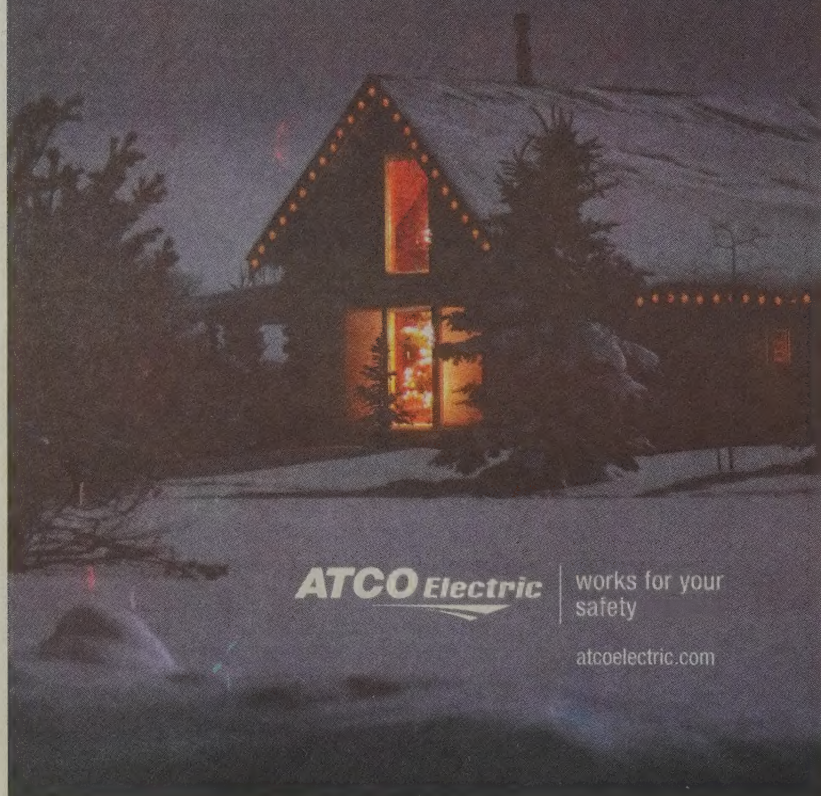
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Kirsten and Hannah Goulet spelled out C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S with their special duet during the taking of the offering at the Baptist Sunday School concert.

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Will the real Santa stand up?

By PASTOR JIM MACLELLAN
Elk Point Baptist Church

Whenever our children see a Santa Claus they will be thinking of a jolly old man with a face covered in snow-white hair that drives around each Christmas delivering gifts – but only to good boys and girls. Actually the man who is a legend: Saint Nicholas was a real person who lived in the Third Century. History will show that he was born to wealthy parents in a place we know today as modern Turkey. When they died they left him a fortune but he secretly gave it all away.

Eventually he sensed the call of God to enter the ministry and he became the Bishop of Myra. In 303

A.D., during the reign of Roman Emperor Diocletian, Christians were ordered to sacrifice to pagan gods. But Nicholas and thousands more refused to denounce that Jesus Christ is Lord, so they were dragged to prison where they were savagely tortured, beaten senseless, or brutally murdered.

Nicholas survived the persecution and when Constantine became the Roman Emperor and legalized Christianity, Nichols was restored to his post. History will remember him as a generous, humble, evangelical and faithful minister of Christ. If Saint Nicholas (or Sinterklass in the Netherlands) is a Christ-like example of the spirit of Christmas, then that spirit must embody such things as

generosity, kindness and pursuit of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at any cost.

From the congregation of Elk Point Baptist Church we wish you a wonderful Christmas season, filled with the true spirit of the holidays: generosity, kindness and a pursuit of faith in the one and only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We

welcome you attend our celebration of Christmas, on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. in the church auditorium.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDRISHAK, Joanne

Feb. 9, 1929 - Dec. 22, 1991

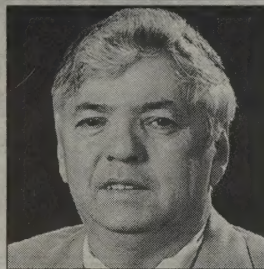
In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who lost her battle with cancer.

*Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps you near.*

Sadly missed and always in our hearts - Peter and Patricia.

OBITUARY

POITRAS, Gordon



On December 16, 2011, Mr. Gordon Poitras of Edmonton passed away at the age of 75 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Audrey of 45 years; son, Robert (Therese) of Elk Point; 3 grandchildren, Cody-James & Kaitlin; sister, Doreen Hays of Edmonton; 4 brothers, Ernest (Marie); Willie (Val), Clarence (Betty) & Bernie (Fay) all of Elk Point; numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Peter & Margaret.

A Wake will be held on Thursday, December 22 at Allied Arts & Leisure Centre, Elk Point. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Allied Arts & Leisure Centre, Elk Point. Reverend Father Jim Holland O.M.I. will be the celebrant with interment in Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to Canadian Diabetes Association c/o Box 1780, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

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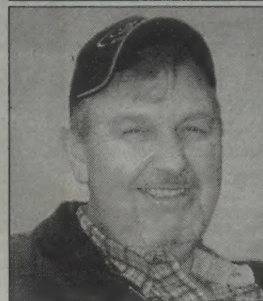


*The smile warm and true
The twinkle in kind blue eyes
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The arms that held us tight
The memories of a wonderful life
Linger in your photograph.*

Remembered with love and sadly missed by your family: Levina, Valerie, Bill, Athena, Savanna, Darryl & Donna.

IN MEMORIAM

STAFFORD, Pete
Aug. 23, 1948-Dec. 25, 2006



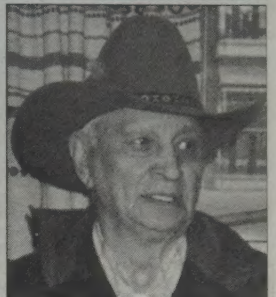
In loving memory of a dear husband, father & grandfather.

*Your heart of gold stopped beating
Two smiling eyes at rest
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the Best.
The tears in our eyes will wipe away
But the love in our hearts
Will forever stay.*

Loved and missed so very much by Karen and Family.

OBITUARY

QUINNEY, Norman
Dec. 16, 1928 - Dec. 9, 2011



On Friday, December 9, 2011, Mr. Norman Alfred Quinney of Frog Lake, AB passed away in Elk Point at the age of 82 years.

Norman will be remembered by his common law wife Marlene Lagimodiere, his children with Irene Quinney; Ruth, Teddy, Norma (Horace), Norman Jr. (Lorraine), Derrick (Shirley), Wanda, Frances (Guy), Jason (Nina) and Dennis, his children with Marlene; Dwayne and Cheryl, his stepchildren Allison and Amanda and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Norman was predeceased by his daughter Marcella, grandson Timothy, parents Harriett and Pierre, siblings; Thomas, Lawrence, John, Christina and Frieda.

A traditional wake was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13 and 14, 2011 at the Frog Lake Band Hall. Catholic funeral service was held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Frog Lake Band Hall with Father Mario Jubinville as the celebrant. A cultural funeral service was held at 11:45 a.m. at the Frog Lake Band Hall and the interment followed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Cemetery, Frog Lake. Honorary pallbearers were Raymond Quinney, Joe T Quinney, Dwayne Lagimodiere, Carlos Quinney, Denis Cardinal, Moise Paul, Arlo Bystrom, Guy Kusnyir, William Quinney and the CFWE radio staff.

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No room for Jesus

By PASTOR BILL KRYZANOWSKI

Elk Point Christian Community Church

As 2011 draws to a close, once again the Christmas season is upon us. To many folks, this is a wonderful time of the year with all the celebrations and activities going on... get-togethers with families and friends... the children all excited about the gift wrapped packages under the Christmas tree...

Having been around for 70-plus years, I see a lot of changes in how Christmas is celebrated in this day and age. Years ago, the standard Christmas greeting was "Merry Christmas. Today, that's changed to "happy holidays." Just recently I heard someone called Christmas trees "holiday trees." In shopping for Christmas cards, it's difficult to find many that say anything about Jesus' birthday.

Often, you will see the words "Merry Xmas" – Christ substituted by an X.

Perhaps we shouldn't be too surprised by the exclusion of Jesus at Christmas.

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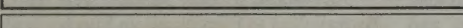
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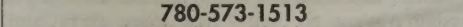
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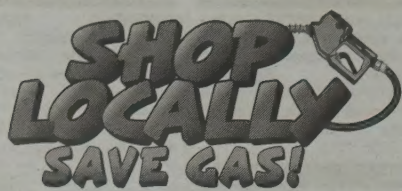
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Hat tricks, early games make up busy Minor Hockey weekend

GOOD NEWS. Tomorrow is the shortest day of the year. And now for the bad news! Tomorrow is also the first day of winter! Hey, try to think positive, it's not even close to being cold yet and from here on in, the sunlight will be three minutes longer every day.

Passing the puck, not the buck, was the name of the game on Saturday morning when the Novice Avalanche hosted the Two Hills Eagles. Normally a stay-at-home defenseman, "the Stafford Streak" has been getting the green light lately, free wheeling through the traffic for two, Ronan "Radar" Poulin on target sending two through the fire wall, "Danny Boy" Cardinal scoring one and assisting on another, speedy Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion with one goal and two assists, "Lightning Liam" Ludlage striking the mesh with a goal and two assists, Jadey Capjack, "the Set up Lady," mastering the art, she's on the board with three assists, Luke "Skywalker" Poulin with a goal and an assist, Brandon Geortzen buried a goal, Charlie "Little Angel" Rogal, Odin Smith and the birthday boy Kaden "Sniper" Allen all with an assist.

Saturday was fun, but it was a tougher challenge on Sunday up in St. Paul, the Avalanche losing this one to the Canadiens 9 to 5. "Radar" in the cage doing his best, despite suffering from an ear infection. "Little Angel" with a hat trick, "Jet Stream" with two, "Lightning Liam" assisting.

The Micro Novice hosted Two Hills earlier on Saturday morning, hat tricks for Sam "Spiderman" Rogal and "King Kong Konner" Poitras, and some great moves by "Mick Jager" Fontaine who also scored a hat trick, his brother Kade Fontaine with one, "Bazooka Joey" Cardinal firing his cannon with one, Cash "CC" Capjack cashing in with one, Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk with two goals and two assists, Rylee Warawa with two assists, Grace Pebbles, Galvin Kaduski, Dean "the Machine"

Ockerman all on the score sheet with an assist. Correction on last week, the Micro Novice assistant coach is Shane Fontaine, not Roger as I reported, and we also failed to mention what a terrific job team manager Sandi Capjack has been doing.

Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. the Pee wee Avalanche hosted Mallaig, the Avalanche losing a close one. Down by four, they would rally in the third scoring two, to come within two, but it was still too little, too late, losing 8 to 6. Brodin "the Bull" Ference with four goals, Tim Bushey and Austin "Ozzie" Stafford also scoring. Ross "Rosy" McGillivray and Alex Hunter assisting.

Are you kidding me? This is crazy! We take things for granted and really don't know how good we have it here. On Sunday the Pee wees had a 9:15 start time, in Lloydminster. Most of the Avalanche players likely stayed up late on Saturday and watched the Oilers play, then were up by 6 a.m. to leave by 7 a.m. The Blazers scoring three goals in the first three minutes of the game, the Avalanche, obviously still sleeping, were down 5 to 1 after 20 minutes. Then to complicate the matter, the Avalanche also had with a short bench, three regular defensemen missing, only four 'D' men dressed for this one, and that's logging a lot of ice time, for Cyle Graus, Warren Ference, Taylor Pankiw and Ross "Rosy" McGillivray who normally plays forward but was dropping back for this one. Brodin "the Bull" was the only goal scorer for the Avalanche with three, Ethan Tremblay and Brody "the Big O" Odgaard assisting.

The Atom A team split the weekend, losing one in Lloydminster on Saturday and then winning big in Bonnyville on Sunday. On Saturday, Dylan "the Destroyer" Ference with two goals, Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludlage and Darrian "the Dominator" Rybchinsky with a goal each, team captain Dustyn

Pankiw with a goal and three helpers, "Hammering Hank" Rogal with a goal and an assist, Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk with two assists, Kaiden "K Rock" Evans Anderson and Angus McFarlane with an assist each.

On Sunday the Atom As were up in Bonnyville, winning this one 11 to 4. "K Rock" with a hat trick, Colton "Super B" Van Maarion with two, captain Dustyn Pankiw two goals and four assists, "Naz" with a goal and two assists, "Hot Wheels" one goal and two assists, Angus McFarlane one goal and two assists, "the Dominator" in net stoned the Pontiacs. The Atom As will be playing here tonight at home against Lac La Biche. Come check it out!

Talk about a short bench! The Atom Bs travelled to Pierceland on Sunday with only two spares on the bench. I bet no one complained about ice time. "Sam I am" Henderson with two goals, Chase Dorey, Brandon "Bart" Schaap and Tyler Jamieson all just missing on some great opportunities, the defensive core of Parker "Michelin Man" Allen, Fawn "Fonzie" Ockerman and Alana Pinder all doing a super job on defense, helping out their goaltender Erin Duffee who was stellar in net.

That's all for this week, boys and girls, but remember to be good, listen to Mom and Dad, as I know you can do it, if you want to, only five more days until Christmas and Santa's been watching you!!!!!! P.S. Dear Santa: How about bringing me some new Maple Leaf underwear!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "Your victory was one of the most breathtaking upsets, not only in Olympic history but in the entire history of sports." Last week's answer to: "It will be difficult for them to beat us. This team is motivated and hungry right now." - Finland Coach Curt Lindstrom.

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No room for Jesus

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In Luke, Chapter 2, there was no room for Him in the inn. In Matthew 2, King Herod had no room for Jesus. He had all the baby boys two years and under killed. He feared that a king was born in Bethlehem, as reported by the wise men.

At the end of Jesus' ministry as He hung on the cross, one of the two thieves also rejected Jesus. Thank god, the other thief believed in Jesus.

So, as we look back in history, we see some things haven't changed concerning Christmas and Jesus.

Some believe in His birth and celebrate accordingly.

Others see Christmas as just another holiday. The Apostle John, in his gospel, chapter 3, verse 16, tells us the reason for Christmas and Jesus' birth. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

In Revelation 3:20 Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in."

Maybe this Christmas season, Jesus is knocking at your heart's door, wanting to come into your heart and life. Why not open your heart's door and let Him in?

From all of us at the Christian Community Church, we want to wish you and yours an old fashioned Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year.

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve service on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. (No Sunday service).

Sunday School

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Even the Sunday School kids and their teacher are too busy, preparing for their concert. Who would tell these four young people what they so badly wanted to know?

Finally, they found Harry Peters, who was happy to read them the story of the birth of Jesus from his Bible, and agreed that while it is a busy time of year, "We should always have time to tell the story of Jesus."

Angels and shepherds followed Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus on stage as he continued his explanation, telling the four, "We celebrate God sending his Son to earth as a tiny baby..." who would later die on the cross to save all mankind, the greatest gift of all.

Doering challenged the congregation to "Prepare your hearts for Christmas, even if you are caught up in things."

Cliff Quist offered the final prayer, and invited one and all to the bountiful potluck lunch that followed the concert.

County

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The committee in charge looked at other municipalities hoping to put the County of St. Paul in line with what is being charged

for various building permits. On average it costs between \$1,200 and \$1,300 for permits to build a standard 1,500 square foot home, said Coun. Glen Ockerman.

Council approved the proposed fee schedule.

Happy Holidays!



It's time to slow down and enjoy a festive season with our loved ones ...

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The County of St. Paul No. 19

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FOR THE 2012 WINTER SEASON

The County will pay an incentive of \$15.00 per Coyote / Wolf destroyed during the period from January 1, 2012 to April 30, 2012.

The number of Coyotes/Wolves eligible to be turned in for the incentive payment will be limited to a maximum number of 20 Coyotes / Wolves per week and a total season maximum of 100 Coyotes / Wolves, per resident / landowner. Only one member / resident family is eligible to participate in this Coyote / Wolf Incentive Program.

The Coyote / Wolf carcasses must be brought to the Public Works Shop for verification. When bringing the Coyote / Wolf carcasses to the Public Works Shop, please ensure that they are covered with a tarp to avoid displaying them to the general public. The carcasses will be returned to the resident who will be responsible to dispose of them properly.

Only whole, unskinned animals are accepted for payment; pelts are not eligible for payment.

To qualify for the Incentive Program Payment, arrangements must be made with Agricultural Service Board Staff prior to bringing the Coyotes / Wolves in for the payment, to assure there is someone available to deal with the carcasses.

Please call the Public Works Shop at 780-645-3006 to arrange for an appointment or Dennis Bergheim at 780-645-3301 Ext. 207 for more information.

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

December 13, 2011

Council Meeting

Strategic Planning – Following the Public Consultation on the County's strategic plan, Administration held input sessions for all staff to also participate in the future direction of the County. With all the information gathered at all these sessions, County Council spent 2 days deliberating and adding their ideas and directions for inclusion in the 2012 Strategic Plan. Council will meet again this week to make final decisions on what should be included in the 2012 Strategic Plan which will be approved at the January 2012 Council Meeting. Council would like to thank those interested individuals who took the time to come and share their concerns and ideas

Regional Coyote Reduction Program – Council agreed to partner with the MD of Bonnyville and the County of Two Hills on a Regional Coyote/Wolf Reduction Incentive Program. The program will run from January 1 to April 30 or until the annual budget of \$20,000 is reached. The County will pay \$15.00 per coyote/wolf. Each resident/landowner is limited to 20 coyotes/wolves per week to a maximum of 100 for the season and only one member per family is eligible to participate in this program. For further details visit the County website.

Safety Codes Rate Changes – Council approved the 2012 Fee Schedule as proposed by the Safety Codes Committee. The new schedule can be viewed on the County website.

Bylaws – Council gave second and third reading to a rezoning Bylaw from Urban Expansion to Country Residential for Lot 1, Plan 0021514 in SE 1-58-10-W4. Council defeated second reading for Bylaw No. 1587 to rezone PNE 1-58-9-W4 from Agricultural to Country Residential as the location of the proposed subdivision does not provide adequate room for a safe access.

Council approved Bylaw No. 1588 to fund short term borrowings for the County Master Card and Bylaw No. 1589 to fund the short term operations of the County. These Bylaws are approved annually.

Recreation Agreement – Council approved the five-year Culture, Parks and Recreation Agreement with the Town of St. Paul commencing January 1, 2012. The annual payment for 2012 is \$130,000 and will increase by \$5,000 each year thereafter.

Elk Point / St. Paul Regional Water Commission – Councillor Fodness, Councillor Dach and Reeve Upham were appointed to the Commission, with Councillor Ockerman as alternate. The consultants have completed the submission and it will be forwarded to Alberta Municipal Affairs to complete the process to create the Commission.

Retrofitting the Public Works Building – Administration has had an energy consumption assessment of the Public Works building done in preparation for grants as they become available to retrofit the building to make it more energy efficient and increase safety for staff. The County of St. Paul is the first municipality to be approved by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre for funding under their grant program announced earlier this year. Council approved the signing of agreements with the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre for implementation and bonus funding. The \$10,000 implementation funding will assist with the upgrades to the building and \$10,000 bonus funding will be available following the implementation of the project after it is proven that the steps taken have reduced energy consumption. Administration will also be making an application for additional grant funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities who announced funding beginning December 1, 2011.

Ashmont / Lottie Lake Scope Change – Council approved scope changes in the amount of \$28,000 for the Ashmont-Lottie Lake Water Transmission Line and Water Treatment Plant upgrades. This additional work was completed by Urban Systems during their Preliminary Engineering work and was outside of the scope of work approved. The work performed assisted Council in making better decisions regarding the detailed design and construction phase of the project. Additional items included: ground water source evaluation, water transmission line analysis, co-ordination with Alberta Environment regarding viruses and residuals, water quality evaluation – including a silt-density test, location of water treatment plant analysis, and modification of water demands/scenarios/growth projections.

New Equipment – The Public Works Department will be getting quotes to replace three motor graders and to purchase a new rock truck. The equipment will be ordered in early January in order to secure pricing for spring delivery.

Public Works Meeting – The December Public Works Meeting has been cancelled.

Funding:

- \$2,000 – St. Paul & Area Archery Association to purchase targets.

- \$2,500 – Riverview Seniors to build a ramp to their hall.

Christmas Hours – The County Office will be closed December 26 and 27, 2011 and January 2, 2012.

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